## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



# Week 1: Make a Plan



#PrepareToProtect means preparing to protect everyone you love. Start by making a plan before disasters and emergencies strike.

#### Step 1: Get everyone on the same page.

Start your emergency plan by discussing with your family, friends or household questions such as: How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings, what is my shelter plan, what is my evacuation route, what is our family communication plan and do we need to update our emergency preparedness kit?

## Step 2: Consider specific needs in your household.

Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people in the network can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets or specific needs like operating medical equipment.

## **Step 3: Fill out a Family Emergency Plan**

Download and fill out a family emergency plan at <a href="bit.ly/FamilyECP">bit.ly/FamilyECP</a> or use it as a guide to create your own.

### Step 4: Practice your plan with your family/household

Visit <a href="www.ready.gov/plan">www.ready.gov/plan</a> for additional info and resources about building your family's or agency's emergency preparedness plan.



